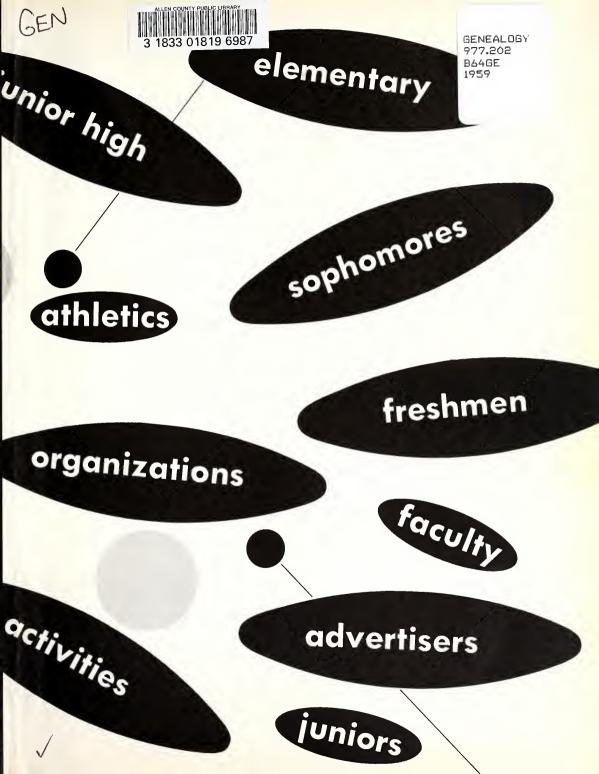
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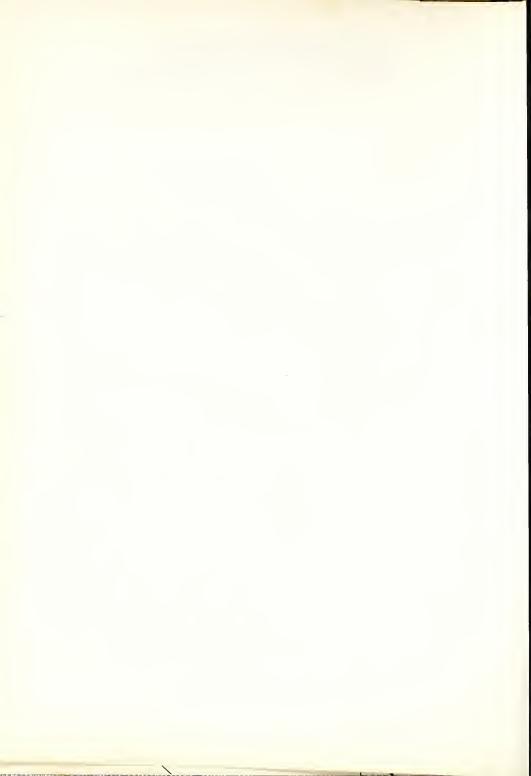


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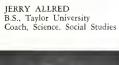
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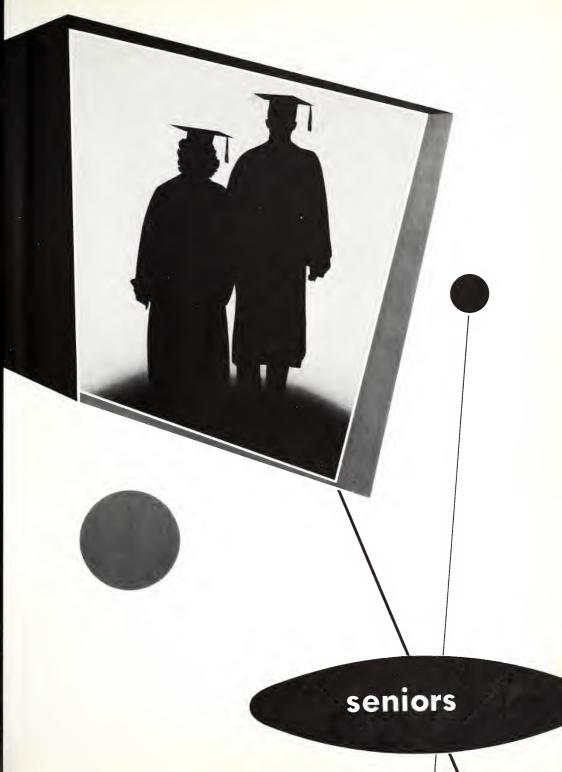


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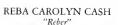
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"Butch"



Music 1. 2, 3, 4 4-H 3, 4 FFA 2, 3, 4 Class Play 3, 4 Judging Team 2, 3 Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4 Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4 Track 1, 2, 3, 4

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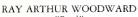
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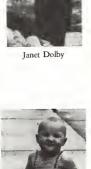
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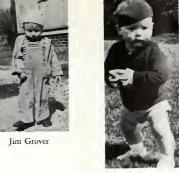
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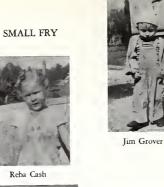




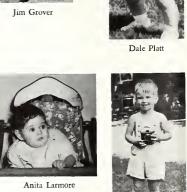














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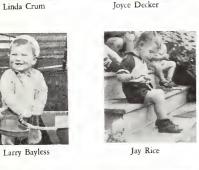
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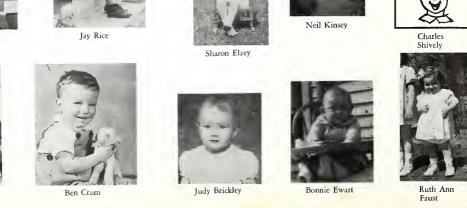














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"Dreaming?"



"Goo-goo-eyes."



"Look at the birdie."



"Coach, what's next?"



"How do I look?"



"Open thy eyes."



"Can he go far?"



"Get that tip."



"Cold?"



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Arkansaw	Judy Brickley
Berthie	Joyce Roberts
Aunt Susie	Sharon Wright

Daniel Duckworth	Dale Platt
Granpa	Ben Crum
Elmer Applerust	
Parson Bumble	Larry Bayless
Abbie Snapp	Suzanne Miller





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Suzanne Miller

BACK

Carolyn Park Sharon Elzey Karen Bender

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FRONT

Becky Elzey Marcia Espich Becky Miller

BACK

Sandra Wilkin Cheryl Wilkin Anita Espich





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Name	Class	Height
GERRY HILL	Jr.	5'10''
RAY WOODWARD	Sr.	5'10''
JAMES STROUSE	Jr.	5'11''
LAR	Sr.	6'11/2"
RON	Sr.	6'3"
CH. LY	Sr.	6.4.
CLCKLEY	Fr.	6'3''
RO	Sr.	6'0''
NE	Sr.	5'7''
D	Sr.	5'6''
Ma WELCHES, JERRY	MASON	
Co		

## Reserve Team



STANDING, left to right: R. Wilken, N. Thompson, Coach Mr. Allred, J. Freds, T. Crum. KNEELING: J. Espich, D. Houtz, J. Penrod, T. Cox.

## Junior High Varsity



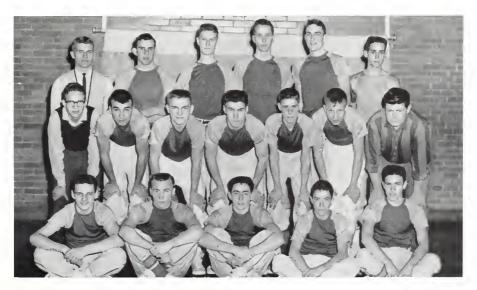
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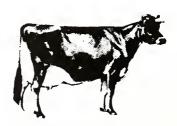
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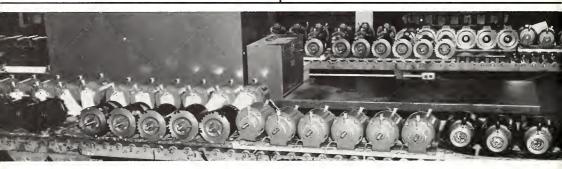
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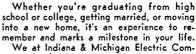
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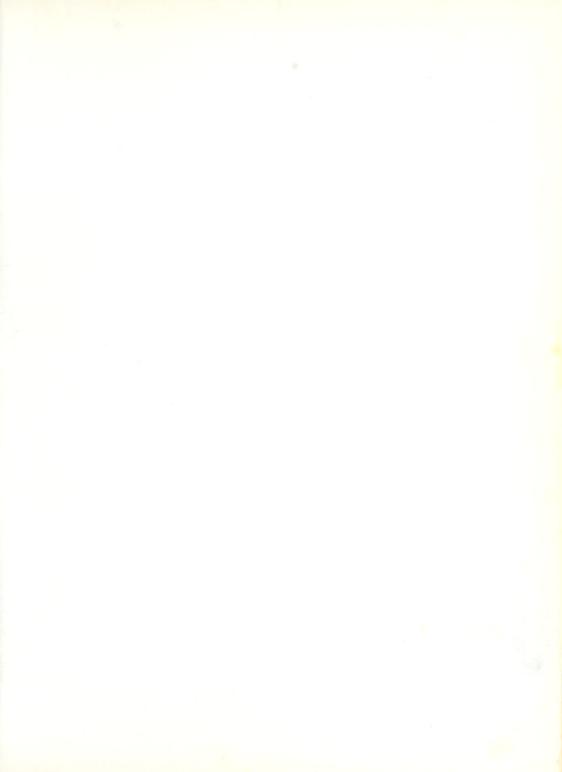
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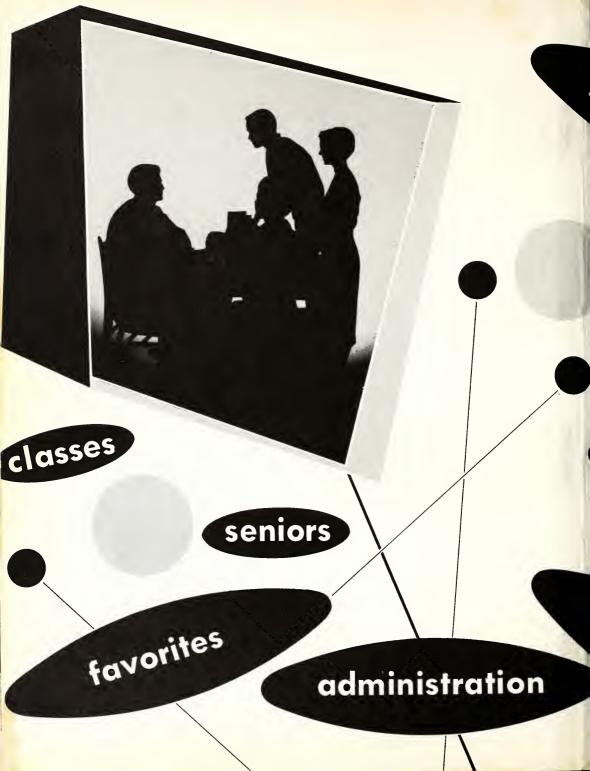
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